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Dear Harold,

Sorry it has been so long since we were last in touch. I have been intending to write you for some time lately, but wanted to wait until I had something definite to report.

I just determined positively that I have been admitted this fall to the Jackson School of Law in Jackson, Mississippi. The last few months have been spent worrying about that. Also I have been doing some work for Ronny Caire, my old friend in Pass Christian.

Since I have devoted so much time working on getting admitted to law school, there is not much other news with me, but I wanted to share this with you, and to keep in touch with you. Please bring me up to date on what you have been doing in the last few months. You have been often on my mind, and I have some wonderful memories of meeting you in New Orleans 2 years ago, and working with you. I have always assumed that if you needed me or if you were coming down here, you'd call or write so we could be in touch. Whether there is anything or not, I would like to keep in touch, and keep up our friendship.

You have undoubtedly learned that Garrison's appeal to delay his trial has failed, and it will go on later this month. He was trying to delay it since his lawyer is also on trial. On the other hand, I wonder if that might not be a blessing in disguise, as I've been wondering about F Lee Bailey, after Alch's testimony, which sounded so self-serving, and Kalmbach's, that Bailey was getting some of those CRP cash payments.

If you need clippings from Garrison's trial, I'll be glad to send you them from both the Times-Pic and States-Item, which are different in reportage, unlike the Shaw trial, when the 2 papers were carbon copies of each other. They've split management, though still same owners.

It has not been pleasant but I am relieved to see the shit hit the fan in the Watergate hearings. I do hope that we can get together sometime soon, for I have a million questions to ask you. I hope, if you can spare the time, that you will give me a general idea at least of what you have been doing in this regard, and whether you are working with Bud Fensterwald on this, as you did in the Ray case.

Also, I'd be interested in knowing the current status of your lawsuits, including the Spectro suit, and your personal lawsuit for damage of your farm. I deeply hope that this letter finds you in excellent health, and good spirits.

Your friend always,

See next page.

Jim

P.S. One of the main things I meant to write you about: Have you seen Mark Lane's new book, Executive Action? It is co-authored with Donald Freed. It is properly labeled fiction, and would have been more accurately labeled "fantasy". If you have not yet seen it, I'll be glad to send you my copy, published in paperback by Dell. I hope you have seen it, because it is the most incredible thing yet. You recall the "foreign intelligence study" back in 1968, which was later published as "Farewell America". The latter is a gospel compared to this latest thing by Lane. It's a fictional reconstruction of the plot to kill JFK, and even the elementary facts are screwed up. (For example, they have Connally hollering before he was hit.) The main characters are present, Oswald, Ferrie, Ruby, all training at a secret CIA base in Colorado. References to others are blatantly libelous. There are other distortions and misunderstood facts, such as a chronology of Thomas Arthur Valentine and Abraham Bolden, whom they call Bolton Andrews.

Let me know whether you've seen it.

Also, is there any news about your book? It would be such a refreshing change after all this rot.